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REPORT FROM "YuZ" ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN SLOVAKIA (1944)

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Part I] To: VIKTOR. [1]

On 20th September I personally had a long talk with "YuZ" [11] at the [a] safe flat. In addition to the report which YuZ passed to us, in the talk he related the following about the situation in SLOVAKIA:-

The main [1 group garbled] forces from which the LONDON Government and the military draw support consist of three groups:

- (1) A military underground organization led by the former Lieutenant-Colonel of the Czechoslovak Army (now General) GOLITSYN, [111] a devoted patriot of his native land and Russophile. The staff of the organization is in BUDENOVSKY YESTRICA. The principal leaders of the organization are:
 - ✓ VERSEK [11] - a lieutenant-colonel, staunch patriot and Russophile;
 - ✓ KIS [KISH] - a priest, officer and Russophile;
 - MARKO - a lieutenant-colonel and true patriot;
 - TALSKI [TAL'SKI] - an officer, true patriot and Russophile.

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- (2) A civil political organization, consisting of representatives of various political parties (Agrarians, Social-Democrats, Popular (Socialists) supporting BENES[V] and led by ŠROBÁR[ŠROBÁR] (a BENES' man). ŠROBÁR's closest associates [1 group unrecovered] - KAPINAJ, ŠOLTES[ŠOL'TES] and HORVAT[KHORVAT] (the last two are former Social Democrats) - [1] are not well-known to TUL.
- (3) The URSINY[vi] group ([URSINY is [v] a supporter of HODČA[GODCHA]), uniting the right-wing and reactionary elements of the former political parties, including the Sidorovites[SIDOROVITEY].[vii] URSINY himself is in contact with MACH[MACH], [viii] to whom he promised support after victory over GERMANY in exchange for the support being given by MACH to the URSINY group

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[34 groups unrecovered]

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